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ADLINGTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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R E P O R T

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1961.

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To:- The Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council of Adlington.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting to you the report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the District for the year ended 31st December, 1961.

According to the Registrar General's Provisional Report on the 1961 Census, the population of the District is 4281 which compares with the 1951 Census figure of 3998.

The number of live births assignable to the District was 86 which is 22 more than in the year 1960. This gives a Birth Rate of 19.5 per 1000 population (adjusted 20.9) as compared with the Birth Rate for the country as a whole of 17.4. The Birth Rate for the District is the highest recorded since 1949 when it was 20.0.

The number of deaths attributed to the District was 57 or 1 fewer than in the previous year; giving a death Rate of 13.0 per 1000 population (adjusted 14.4) as compared with the Death Rate for England and Wales of 12.0. It is interesting to note that 37 of the deaths occurred in persons of 65 years of age and over. Of these 9 were 70 or more, 12 were 75 or more, 7 were 80 or more and 9 were 85 or more years of age.

In regard to the causes of death, the number of deaths from malignant neoplasms was 9, or one fewer than in the previous year, but there were two deaths from leukaemia whilst there was none from this cause in 1960. The number of deaths from diseases of the heart was the same in both years - 19. It is again pleasing to report that no deaths were attributed to tuberculosis. Deaths from other causes show only minor variations.

There were two deaths of infants under the age of one year, as compared with 4 in the year 1960. This gives an Infantile Mortality Rate of 23.3 as compared with 21.4 for the Country as a whole. Both infants were premature. There were 3 stillbirths as against 2 in the previous year. These were triplets born prematurely.

In regard to notifications of infectious diseases, 49 cases were notified as compared with 58 in 1960. The notifications were as follows:-

Tuberculosis 1, Scarlet Fever 6, Measles 38 and Pneumonia 4.

A Mass X-Ray was conducted in November 1961, the results of which are given in detail in the report.

During the year 4 houses were closed as being unfit for habitation. The general standard of housing in the District is reasonably good. Quite a large number of houses have become owner-occupied and have been modernised. There are, however, a small number which, unless action is taken to prevent further deterioration, will fall to be dealt with as unfit. More advantage might be taken of the Grant Schemes available for modernisation.

Plans for the extension of the sewerage system and sewage disposal works were completed by the Consultant Engineers and the Scheme submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

It is pleasing to report that 8 private streets have been made up.

A sample of milk was found to contain brucella abortus organisms which can give rise to the disease known as undulant fever in man. Pasteurisation of milk kills the organism and renders the milk safe.

Other matters relating to environmental conditions are dealt with in the report.

In conclusion, I wish to express my thanks to the Officers of the Council for their willing assistance at all times. My thanks are due also to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for the support and consideration extended to me.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant.

J. WALKER.  
Medical Officer of Health.

July, 1962.



## VITAL STATISTICS 1961.

Area	...	...	...	1062 acres.
Population (Registrar General's Estimate Mid-1961)	...		...	4400
Number of inhabited houses		...	...	1534
Rateable Value at 1st April 1961		...	...	£37.694.
Product of 1d Rate		...	...	£142-10-0d.

## Births

<u>Births</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live births - Legitimate	...	46	37	83
Illegitimate	...	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
		47	39	86

Birth Rate per 1000 population - Crude = 19.5  
Adjusted = 20.9

Illegitimate live births per cent of total  
live births = 3.48

Stillbirths	...	...	3
Total live and still births	...	...	89

Stillbirth Rate per 1000 live births = 33.7

## Deaths

<u>Deaths</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deaths of Infants under one year	...	-	2	2
ditto	4 weeks	-	2	2
ditto	one week	-	2	2

Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 live births:

Legitimate	=	11.65
Illegitimate	=	11.65
Total	=	23.3

Neo-natal Mortality Rate per 1000 live births = 23.3

Early neo-natal	ditto	= 23.3
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Peri-natal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and deaths  
under one week combined per 1000 tal live & still  
births) = 56.2

Maternal deaths (including abortion)...	...	Nil
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Maternal Mortality Rate per 1000 live and still births.	Nil.
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			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deaths	...	...	31	26	57

Death Rate per 1000 population - Crude = 13.0  
Adjusted = 14.4

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	...	11
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do.	Measles	...	...	-
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do.	Whooping Cough	...	...
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do.	Diarrhoea (under 2 years) ..	...	-
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do.	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	-
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### Causes of Death

Causes of Death		Male	Female	Total
Malignant Neoplasms - Stomach	...	1	1	2
Bronchus	...	1	-	1
Other	...	5	1	6
Leukaemia	...	1	1	2
Diabetes	...	-	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	5	5	10
Coronary Disease - Angina	...	7	2	9
Hypertension with Heart disease	...	2	2	4
Other Heart disease	...	3	3	6
Other circulatory disease	...	1	1	2
Influenza	...	-	1	1
Carried forward	...	26	18	44





Causes of Death (Cont.)

		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Brought forward	26	18	44
Nephritis	...		1	1
Pneumonia	...	1	2	3
Bronchitis	...	1	-	1
Ulcer of Stomach	...	-	1	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases		1	4	5
Motor Vehicle Accidents	...	1	-	1
Suicide	...	1	-	1
		<u>31</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>57</u>



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	Live Births			Deaths (all causes)			Stillbirths			Maternal Mortality			Infant Mortality				
	Number		Rate per 1000	Number regist- ered.	Rate per 1000 pop.	Number regist- ered	Rate per 1000 live births	Number regist- ered	Rate per 1000 total births	Number of deaths regist- ered	Rate per 1000 live births	Number of deaths regist- ered.	Total		Neo-natal		
	regist- ered												Rate per 1000 live births	Rate per 1000 live births	Number of deaths regist- ered.	Rate per 1000 live births	Rate per 1000 live births
Year 1961	86		19.5	57	13.0	3	33.7	-	-	2	23.3	2	23.3	23.3	2	23.3	23.3
Year 1960	64		14.7	58	13.3	2	30.3	-	-	4	62.5	3	46.9	46.9	3	46.9	46.9
Year 1959	64		14.8	52	12.0	1	15.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Year 1958	61		14.4	47	11.1	-	-	-	-	1	16.0	1	16.0	16.0	1	16.0	16.0
Year 1957	56		13.4	62	14.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Year 1956	67		16.1	49	11.8	1	15	-	-	4	60.0	2	30.0	30.0	2	30.0	30.0
Average 5 years 1956 - 1960	62.4		14.68	53.6	13.02	1.0	12.14	-	-	1.8	27.7	1.2	18.58	18.58	1.2	18.58	18.58

Adjusted (Live birth-rate (comparability factor 1.07) = 20.9 per 1000.  
(Death-rate (comparability factor 1.11) = 14.4 per 1000.



## GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICE

### Staff

Medical Officer of Health:- J. Walker, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., L.D.S., D.P.D.  
Divisional Medical Officer to the Health Division No.4 Lancashire County Council, and Medical Officer of Health to the Borough of Chorley and the Fulwood, Leyland, Longridge, Walton-le-Dale Urban District Councils, and to Preston and Chorley Rural District Councils.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health - Dr. N.T.W. Pover, L.R.C.S., L.R.F.P.S., L.M.S.S.A., D.P.H. Senior Assistant Divisional Medical Officer to the Health Division No.4 Lancashire County Council.

### Laboratory Facilities

Pathological Laboratory, Preston Royal Infirmary.  
Public Health Laboratory, Preston Royal Infirmary.  
Pathological Laboratory, Bolton Royal Infirmary.

The Public Health Laboratory Service is directed by the Medical Research Council for the Ministry of Health, and caters for every aspect of the Public Health Work of a Local Authority related to the Bacteriological and pathological examination of samples and specimens.

### Ambulance Facilities

Provided by the Lancashire County Council Ambulance Service  
(Chorley Depot) Telephone: Chorley 2744.  
All the ambulance vehicles are now radio-controlled from the County Ambulance Headquarters at Broughton.

### Nursing in the Home

There is one "District Nurse" practising in the area. She is Nurse W. Burns, The Bungalow, Town Lane, Charnock Richard.  
Telephone: Coppull 423.

### Treatment Clinics

The "Minor Ailment" Clinic is held at 20 St. Thomas's Road, Chorley. Ancillary School Clinics (Orthopaedic, Dental and Eye, etc.) are held at Chorley and attended by practitioners of Specialist status. Attendance is by appointment via School Medical Staff.

### Tuberculosis Clinics

The Chest Clinic, 34 St. Thomas's Road, Chorley.  
A Chest Physician (Nr. Nicholson) attends.  
This Clinic is also used as a consultant Clinic for chest conditions other than tuberculosis.

### Hospital Facilities

Chorley and District Hospital.  
Eaves Lane Hospital, Chorley.  
Wigan Infirmary.  
Bolton Infirmary.  
Preston Royal Infirmary.  
Sharoe Green Hospital, Fulwood.  
Heath Charnock Hospital.  
Whelley Hospital, Wigan.  
Isolation Hospital, Deepdale, Preston.

All administered by Manchester Regional Hospital Board.

## MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

These Services are administered by the Lancashire County Council.

### Domiciliary Facilities

There is now no County Midwife resident in the District. The service is provided from adjacent areas.





### Ante-Natal Clinics

The large majority of the expectant mothers in the area attend the ante-natal clinic at 2/4 St. Thomas's Square, Chorley, and avail themselves of the facilities provided by the Lancashire County Divisional Health Service.

### Maternity Beds

Normal accommodation is available at Chorley and District Hospital and Eaves Lane Hospital, Chorley. Other hospitals are also available.

### Infant Welfare Centre

An Infant Welfare Centre is held weekly (Wednesdays 2-4 p.m.) at the Christ Church Schoolroom, Railway Road, Adlington, and is attended weekly by a Medical Officer of the Lancashire County Council, as well as the County Health Visitor. The Medical Officer is Dr. W. J. O'Neill.

The Divisional Health Committee have recommended the County Council to provide a purpose-built School Clinic and Child Welfare Centre, and the project has been included in the County Council's provisional building programme for 1963-64.

### Health Visitor

The County's Health Visitor for the area is Mrs. Ashley, Johnson's Farm, Back Lane, Heath Charnock, Chorley.

### Mass Radiography Survey

A Survey was carried out in November by the Mass Radiography Unit, and the final report has been received, details are given below

<u>Type of Examinee</u>	Males	Females	Total
Industry/Offices	348	466	814
General Public	<u>343</u>	<u>417</u>	<u>760</u>
Totals	... <u>691</u>	<u>883</u>	<u>1574</u>

#### Abnormalities discovered

Tuberculosis requiring immediate treatment	...	1	-	1
Healed Tuberculosis	...	4	2	6
Cardio-vascular lesion acquired		4	14	18
Pneumonitis	...	2	-	2
Emphysema	...	2	-	2
Pleural thickening	...	3	5	8
Bronchiectasis	...	1	1	2
Pneumoconiosis	...	1	-	1

In 1958 1414 people were X-rayed and the increase of 160 examinees in the recent Survey is very gratifying. Of the total of 1574 people X-rayed only 698 had previously been X-rayed by Mass Radiography, which means that a further 876 people had been X-rayed for the first time.

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

#### Water Supply

The water supply of the area is provided (1) from the Blackrod Reservoir by arrangement with Blackrod Urban District Council, and (2) from a tapping of the conduits taking the Manchester Supply from Thirlmere, by arrangement with Manchester Corporation. The supplies are inter-changeable and complementary.

In 1957 a chlorinating plant was installed at Harding Street Pumphouse which deals with the Thirlmere supply, since which time samples of water have proved satisfactory. The Blackrod supply was already chlorinated, and samples taken from that authority were consistently satisfactory.

During the year samples of water were submitted for analysis, three were reported to be unsatisfactory but after re-sampling, the results were highly satisfactory.





<u>Location</u>	<u>No. B. Coli per 100ml.</u>	<u>No. Bact. Coli Type 1.</u>	<u>Analyst's remarks</u>
Council Office, Railway Road.	1	1	Not satisfactory.
ditto	0	0	Highly satisfactory.
Harding Street Pumphouse.	1	1	Not satisfactory.
ditto	2	2	Not satisfactory.
ditto	0	0	Highly satisfactory.
29 Railway Road.	0	0	Highly satisfactory.
94 Bolton Road.	0	0	Highly satisfactory.

During early May, as a result of information received from the Manchester Waterworks Undertaking that considerable contamination had occurred in the Thirlmere Aqueduct following a cloudburst which coincided with repairs north of Preston, it was agreed that warning notices should go out advising that all water from Thirlmere should be boiled before use for human consumption. This procedure was followed out in all parts of the area served by Manchester's Thirlmere Aqueduct. There was very slight discolouration in this district and samples sent for bacteriological analysis showed no contamination. The amount of chlorination was temporarily increased.

Every house in the area has a "main supply". During the year ended 31st December 1961 a total of 58,597,000 gallons of water was consumed for all purposes, giving an average consumption of 36.85 gallons per head of the population per day. After deducting 10,755,000 gallons of water supplied by meter to various premises during the year, this gives an average of 30.11 gallons per day for domestic use.

Complaints regarding the supply of water in the Babylon Lane area of the district have been investigated, and the Council have been recommended to scrape and re-line the main serving this area early next year.

#### Joint Water Board

Nothing has yet been settled regarding the formation of a Water Board comprising Chorley Borough, Adlington, Blackrod, Horwich and Withnell Urban Districts and Chorley Rural District.

#### Drainage and Sewerage

Only 28 outlying properties are not connected to the sewerage system. Most of these have Septic Tanks. Sewerage disposal is by precipitation and filtration over 3 coke filters at the Sewage Disposal Works at Harrisons Farm. The effluent is discharged into the River Douglas. The Sewage Works was modernised in 1931. Further extensions are under consideration; the Council's Consulting Engineers have prepared a Scheme which has been approved by the Lancashire County Council and submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

The preparation of this Scheme has been due to the fact that the Sewage Disposal Works are now too small to deal with the greatly increased amount of sewage now flowing into them, owing to the considerable development which has taken place since 1945 and particularly during the last five years.

#### Refuse Collection and Disposal

1678 moveable ashbins are emptied weekly by the local authority. The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping at the Council-owned Tip in Bradshaw Fields.

#### Cleansing of Drains and Closets

Closet accommodation :-

Privy Middens	-	No. of Middens	...	...	3
No. of Closets attached thereto	...	...	...	...	3
No. of Pail Closets	...	...	...	...	1
No. of freshwater closets	...	...	...	...	1910
No. of waste water closets	...	...	...	...	2



The onus for the satisfactory maintenance of drains and closets is upon the property owners and such work is not undertaken by the local authority.

#### Lavatories and Urinals

There are public lavatories at the upper and lower Recreation Grounds, and modern sanitary conveniences at Station Road and Babylon Lane. The conveniences are cleaned daily by the Local Authority's workmen. Wilful damage to these conveniences still continues and to try to prevent as much as possible, the conveniences are locked up each night, metal gates having been fitted.

#### Shops and Offices

There are between 90 and 100 registered Shops in the area. No action under the Shops Act or Public Health Act, 1936, was taken during the year. The County Council are responsible for the administration of the Shops Acts, your Public Health Inspector acting as their Agent. The Public Health Inspector made 85 visits to these premises during the year.

#### Camping Sites

There are no camping sites in the area.

#### Smoke Abatement

No. of Factory and Works chimneys in the area	...	4
No. of observations taken during the year	...	16

No legal proceedings were taken for excessive smoke emissions during the year, but personal contact with the firms and their boiler personnel was maintained by the Public Health Inspector.

#### Disinfestation of Houses

One house was found to be slightly infested during the year 1961, and was treated with Pyrethum D.D.T. powder with satisfactory results.

#### Schools

The water supply of the Schools is from the mains.

The following Schools are within the Urban District:-

Adlington C.E. Infants School  
St. Paul's C.E. Infants School.  
St. Paul's C.E. School.

All the Schools have modern sanitary conveniences.

#### Other Matters

There are in the area no Common Lodging Houses or "Houses let in Lodgings" registered; no swimming baths or pools; no underground sleeping rooms, no premises where rag flock is manufactured, and no premises for the undertaking of offensive trades.

#### Summary of Sanitary Inspections

No. of premises visited	...	...	107
No. of visits made to above	...	...	143
No. of Nuisances discovered	...	...	29
No. of Nuisances abated	...	...	29
No. of informal notices served	...	...	29
No. of Statutory Notices served	...	...	Nil

There were no legal proceedings for the abatement of nuisances.





## HOUSING

Number of new houses erected during the year :-

(1)	By Local Authority	...	...	Nil
(2)	By other Local Authorities	...	...	Nil
(3)	By other bodies or persons	...	...	89

### 1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year

(1)	(a)	Total No. of dwelling houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	...	41
	(b)	No. of inspections formal or informal, made for the purpose	...	...	65
(2)		Dwelling houses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit:			
	(a)	No. found during the year	...		Nil-
	(b)	No. (or estimated no.) at end of year..			13
(3)		No. of dwelling houses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	24

### 2. Houses Demolished

In Clearance Areas - (Housing Act, 1936 and Housing Repairs and Rent Acts, 1954) :

(1)	Houses unfit for human habitation	...	Nil
(2)	Houses included by reason of bad arrangement etc.		Nil
(3)	Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2), Housing Act, 1957	...	Nil

Not in Clearance Areas

(4)	As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act, 1957	...	Nil
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### 3. Unfit Houses Closed

(1)	Under Section 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957.	...	4
(2)	Under Sections 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957	...	Nil
(3)	Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	...	Nil

### 4. Unfit Houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied

		by Owner	by Local Authority
(1)	After informal action by local authority...	29	Nil
(2)	After informal notice under -		
	(a) Public Health Acts	Nil	Nil
	(b) Sections 9 & 16 Housing Act, 1957...	Nil	Nil
(3)	Under Section 24 Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil

### 5. Unfit Houses in Temporary Use (Housing Act, 1957)

Position at end of year :

(1)	Retained for temporary accommodation :		<u>No. of houses</u>
	(a) Under Section 48	...	Nil
	(b) Under Section 17(2)	...	Nil
	(c) Under Section 46	...	Nil

Licensed for temporary occupation under Sections 34 or 53	...	Nil
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## 6. Purchase of Houses by Agreement

Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders purchased during the year ... Nil.

## 7. Housing Act, 1949 - Improvement Grants etc.

	Private bodies or individuals		Local Authority	
	No. of Schemes	No. of dwell. houses or other bldgs. affected	No. of Schemes	No. of houses or other bldgs. affected
(a) Submitted by private individuals to local authority	-	-	-	-
(b) Approved by local authority	-	-	-	-
(c) Submitted by local authority to Ministry	-	-	-	-
(d) Finally approved by Ministry	-	-	-	-
(e) Work completed (apprvd. 1960)	1	1	-	-
(f) Additional separate dwellings included in (e) above	-	-	-	-
(g) Any other action taken under the Act	...	None.		

## 8. House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 - Standard Grants.

	Private Bodies or individuals		Local Authority	
	No. of Schemes	No. of dwell. houses or other bldgs. affected.	No. of Schemes	No. of Dwell. houses or other bldgs. affected.
(a) Submitted by private individuals to local authority	8	8	-	-
(b) Approved by local authority	8	8	-	-
(c) Work completed	5	5	-	-

It is expected that an increased number of applications for Standard Grants will be received in 1962.

## HOUSING CONDITIONS

Pre-1914 houses are chiefly stone-built, though some are brick, with slated roofs, 2 or 3 bedroom terraced type without hot water systems or bathrooms. Prevailing defects are dampness. Many of these houses are now owner-occupied and have been partially or completely modernised. There are 302 houses owned by the Council and less than 300 houses and shops with living accommodation which are not owner-occupied. Most of the houses are well-built and well-maintained. There is no known overcrowding.

During the year 89 new dwellings were completed for private owners, many of these being bungalows, and 25 dwellings were under construction at the end of 1961.

The Council's Architect has been instructed to prepare plans for the 20 dwellings the Council hope to build.



### Overcrowding or Housing Shortage

During the year 21 applications for houses were received, 7 of these being from people living outside Adlington. Four applications were for Old People's Bungalows. Only 3 applicants in Adlington were without a house of their own, these being very young married couples living since marriage with their parents.

There were no cases of overcrowding on the Council's list at the end of 1961.

### Rent Act, 1957.

#### Part II of the First Schedule

No. of applications for Certificates of Disrepair	...	Nil
No. of Certificates issued	...	Nil
No. of Undertakings given by Landlords to remedy defects	...	Nil
No. of Applications in which defects were remedied immediately after Local Authority's notice	...	Nil
No. of applications withdrawn	...	Nil
No. of Certificates of Disrepair revoked	...	Nil

### FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

#### Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937 Part I of the Act

1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector.)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	10	10	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	16	16	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (exc. Outworkers Prem:)	-	-	-	-
Total	26	26	-	-

2. Cases in which Defects were found:

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>No. of cases</u>
Want of cleanliness	...
Overcrowding	...
Unreasonable temperature	...
Inadequate ventilation	...
Ineffective drainage of floors	...
Sanitary Conveniences :	
a. insufficient	...
b. unsuitable or defective	...
c. not separate for sexes	...
Other offences against the Act (not relating to outwork)	...





PART VIII of the Act

Outwork

Nature of Work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August List	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing ) Apparel ) Making etc. Cleaning & Washing.	1	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) Milk Supply

In April 1956 the Milk (Special Designations)(Specified Areas) Order came into force, and so far as Adlington is concerned, retailers now sell only designated milk - Tuberculin-tested, Pasteurised or Sterilised.

There are 3 producer-retailers with premises in Adlington and 4 retailers with premises outside the district retailing milk in Adlington. In addition there are 5 shops licensed to sell Sterilized Milk.

The licensing of Milk Retailers is now the responsibility of the Lancashire County Council and not the Local Authority.

A sample of milk taken revealed the presence of Brucella Abortus organisms; such infected milk can produce in man the disease known as undulant fever. Pasteurisation kills Bacilli organisms, and renders the milk safe for consumption. Appropriate action was taken in this case.

(b) Meat

There is no licensed Slaughterhouse within the district.

There are 5 butchers and one Pork butcher in the district, and 8 visits were made to these shops during the year, and to meat preparing premises.

(c) Other Foods

Places where other foods are prepared or kept for sale are inspected frequently by the Public Health Inspector.

There are 8 small bakehouses and 5 fried fish shops in the district - all are kept in a satisfactory condition.

39 inspections of places where food is prepared were made during the year by the Public Health Inspector.

The following list gives the number of food premises by type of business in the district at the end of the year under review :-

General Grocers and provision dealers	...	...	22
Greengrocers & fruiterers (inc. Fishmongers etc.)	...	...	7
Fishmongers (inc. poultry, game etc.) only	...	...	-
Meat Shops (Butchers, cooked & preserved meat, etc.)	...	...	.6
Bakers and/or Confectioners	...	...	8
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	5
Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice-cream etc.	...	...	9
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, cafes, snack bars	...	...	17





### Unsound Food

During the year, the following food was surrendered as unfit for human consumption :-

Tinned vegetables	...	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.
Tinned fruit	...	46 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.
Tinned meat	...	69 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
Tinned milk and cream	...	14 pints
Tinned fish	...	4 lbs.

### Ice-Cream

Ice-cream retailed in shops throughout the district is confined to pre-packed standard brands, but two small manufacturers from neighbouring districts retail from travelling vans in Adlington.

### Food Hygiene Regulations

41 visits have been made to food premises during the year, and it is apparent that retailers are observing the Food Hygiene Regulations as far as they possibly can, and in no case has statutory action been necessary.

### RODENT CONTROL

The following table gives the work done during the year.

	<u>Type of property</u>				
	Local Authority	Dwelling houses	Agricultural	All other inc. business prem:	Total
Total no. of properties in Local Authority's District	8	1455	11	279	1745
No. of properties inspected by Local Authority during 1961 as a result of (a) Notification (b) Survey or otherwise.	(a) -	12	-	2	14
	(b) 8	15	11	-	34
No. of properties inspected (see above) found to be infested with Rats	Major -	-	1	-	1
	Minor 1	27	-	2	30
No. of properties inspected (see above) found to be seriously infested with Mice	-	-	-	-	-
No. of Block Control Schemes carried out			Nil		



PREVENTION AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

During the year the following cases were notified :-

		<u>1961</u>	<u>1960</u>
Measles	...	38	14
Scarlet Fever	...	6	12
Whooping Cough	...	-	27
Dysentery	...	-	2
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	-	-
Pneumonia	...	4	2
Tuberculosis	...	1	1

It is gratifying to note that this is the 17th successive year without a Diphtheria case notified.

Tuberculosis

One new case of pulmonary Tuberculosis was added to the Register during the year as against one in 1960. This case was a removal into Adlington from Blackrod.

The total number of cases on the Register at the end of the year was 11, of which 7 were pulmonary and 4 were non-pulmonary tuberculosis.





